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SUBJECT: BRITISH PROPOSAL FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING
ON KOREA

REF: (A) STATE 1897; (B) USUN 14; (C) LONDON 13297 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. FCO OFFICIAL STRESSES UK PROBLEM ABOUT DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA IN DISCUSSION OF UN PROPOSAL FOR UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON UN COMMAND. UK WILL MAKE FURTHER DEMARCHE TO DEPARTMENT ON THIS SUBJECT IN NEXT FEW DAYS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON JANUARY 9, WE MET WITH FCO FAR EASTERN DEPARTMENT HEAD, WILLIAM BENTLEY, TO DISCUSS HIS RECENT VISIT TO MONGOLIA, PRC, JAPAN AND KOREA. WE ALSO ASKED HIM FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION HE COULD GIVE ON UK DEMARCHE REPORTED REFS (A) AND (B). IN RESPONSE, BENTLEY IMPLIED UK INITIATIVE IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH UK DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED.

3. PROBLEM IS THAT SOME MINISTERS IN FCO BELIEVE THAT UK SHOULD RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA IMMEDIATELY. FCO LEGAL ADVISERS HAVE MADE A FINDING THAT NORTH KOREA FULFILLS
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ALL USUAL CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION. SITUATION IS EXACER-

BATED BY FACT THAT ONE LABOR PARTY MP POSED A WRITTEN IN-
QUIRY IN PARLIAMENT IN DECEMBER, 1974 ABOUT RECOGNITION.
FCO WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE A NON-COMMITTAL ANSWER TO QUERY
BECAUSE IT DID NOT ASK THE KEY QUESTION, "DOES THE SITU-
ATION IN NORTH KOREA FULFILL ALL CRITERIA FOR UK DIPLO-
MATIC RECOGNITION?" IF THIS QUESTION WERE POSED TO AN
FCO MINISTER, ANSWER WOULD HAVE TO BE "YES," AND HMG
PROBABLY WOULD BE FORCED INTO EARLY RECOGNITION.

4. BENTLEY SAID THAT HE HAS BEEN TAKING POSITION IN FCO
THAT SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST IN CASE OF NORTH KOREA
IN THAT UK RECOGNITION COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT U.S. EF-
FORTS TO RESOLVE UN KOREAN SITUATION. LIKELY OUTCOME OF
PRESENT CONSIDERATION IN FCO IS THAT UK WILL COME TO USG
IN NEXT FEW DAYS WITH SOMETHING LIKE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- A) DOES U.S. CARE WHETHER UK RECOGNIZES NORTH
KOREA? IF ANSWER IS NO, RECOGNITION PROBA-
BLY WOULD FOLLOW IN SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.
- B) IF U.S. DOES CARE, DOES U.S. EXPECT PROGRESS
ON SOLUTION OF UN KOREAN ISSUES DURING 1975.
IF ANSWER IS NO, MINISTERS PROBABLY WOULD
WANT TO PROCEED BECAUSE MAIN ARGUMENT A-
GAINST UK RECOGNITION NOW IS THAT IT WOULD
UPSET U.S. EFFORTS TOWARDS SOLUTION UN
PROBLEMS. IF NO PROGRESS EXPECTED, THIS
ARGUMENT LOSES VALIDITY.
- C) IF U.S. WISHES UK NOT TO RECOGNIZE AND EX-
PECTS PROGRESS ON UN ISSUES, UK PROBABLY

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WOULD BE PREPARED TO DEFER RECOGNITION FOR
SOME MONTHS.

5. BENTLEY SAID HE AND FCO PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY
BRIMELOW HAD DISCUSSED RECOGNITION ISSUE AT LENGTH WITH
SOUTH KOREAN OFFICIALS IN DECEMBER. UK WILL CONSULT
WITH SOUTH KOREANS AFTER CONSULTATION WITH U.S. IF DE-
CISION IS MADE TO RECOGNIZE, IMPLEMENTATION WOULD BE DE-
LAYED FOR A MONTH OR SO AFTER NOTIFICATION OF UK INTEN-
TIONS TO SOUTH KOREA.

6. COMMENT: RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA HAS BEEN A RE-
CURRING THEME AMONG FCO OFFICIALS SINCE SUMMER OF 1974.
WE BELIEVE THAT UK INITIATIVE FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MEET-
ING IS TO PROVIDE EXCUSE FOR RECOGNITION IF U.S. AND
SOUTH KOREA RESPOND IN NEGATIVE. IF U.S. TAKES STRONG
POSITION AGAINST RECOGNITION AND PROMISES TO SEEK SOLU-
TION, UK ACTION CAN BE PUT OFF. BUT WE ESTIMATE THAT NO
MATTER WHAT HAPPENS ELSEWHERE, UK WILL RECOGNIZE NORTH
KOREA WITHIN A YEAR. WE GUESS THAT DECISION HAS BEEN TA-
KEN IN PRINCIPLE AND THAT USG CAN INFLUENCE TIMING OF
UK ACTION, BUT NOT DECISION ITSELF. END COMMENT.

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